524 525 to me, and says, "each one who missed forfeited his pole."

Ring and Pin

524 857 525 1665a. GN (KUpa) described the game which was common in southern part of area. Boys and men bet a certain number of finger thumps on the head between the eyes. If player did not catch the ring on the pin in a given number of trials he submitted to thumping, which was at times repeated until a large bump raised. Girls bet gum, pins, and other things. Men bet cigarettes or "puffs on a pipe." Game was played at gatherings so that everyone joined in fun.

Hand Game

524 525 1666. PS said the hand game became the gambling game par excellence of native western America. He said Charlie Monday, a Paiute of Owyhee, earned his living and traveled all over the country for years as a professional hand-game player.

1667. TO: MW said wood, bone, and horn "sticks" have been used only since about 1850; old-time Paiutes played with strings of beads.

[176] 1670. PS explained that finger loops were recent innovations which were supposed to make cheating impossible. Any number of ingenious devices were employed to cheat.

1671. Most informants thought strings of beads were used before "sticks" of bone or wood; however, they thought these materials were also played with before time of white people.

1678, 1679. Guesses were indicated as follows: thumb and little finger extended, other fingers folded, and then hand thrust out meant that wrapped "bone" is in outer hand of each opponent; all fingers extended and together, palm vertical and movement up and down meant wrapped "bone" is in inner hand of each opponent; all fingers extended and together, palm horizontal and sweeping motion to the right meant the wrapped "bone" is in the left hand of opponents; the same hand position with sweeping motion in the opposite direction meant the wrapped "bones" are in the right hand of opponents.

1680. By observing the reaction of opponents to trial motions or hand signals, the player might get a clue to the position of the "bones." Only when the hand signal or motion is accompanied by a vocalized signal is the guess complete. Owens Valley: + (Steward, 286).

1683. At: In old days there were 14 counters, then 12, and a few years ago the number was reduced to 10. Wd: SC said 20 sticks were used in old days, now 10 are used so that bets will be won (or lost) faster.

1685. Ki: Kelly, 173, confirms division of counters at start, but does not mention their being called "cooked" and "raw." Informants expressed surprised approval when I mentioned the native terms for "cooked" and "raw."